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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CULBERSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 17, 2003.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN ABNEY CULBERSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

As the mounting tensions of war increase, we turn to You, Lord God Almighty, as our hope and salvation.

If the diplomatic corps could not resolve this conflict of intentions and deal with violations of U.N. accords peacefully, the possibilities of human combat seem inevitable. The darkness of war seems to descend upon us all.

Renew America in confident faith and deepen our commitment to seek peace as soon as possible. As You lead us through this surgical operation, keep the focus on a full recovery of healthy relationships in the Middle East and prevent a bloody hemorrhage.

Help us to realize it is never too late nor too early to begin a dialogue with opponents and all our efforts are in search for the way to a stable peace.

Protect and guide all American military forces, for we as people of faith across this country continue to claim You as sovereign Lord over this Nation, now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. RENZI led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Monahan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed bills and a concurrent resolution of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 162. An act to provide for the use and distribution of certain funds awarded to the Gila River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, and for other purposes.

S. 222. An act to approve the settlement of the water rights claims of the Zuni Indian Tribe in Apache County, Arizona, and for other purposes.

S. Con Res. 20. Concurrent resolution permitting the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate to designate another member of the Committee to serve on the Joint Committee on Printing in place of the Chairman.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, March 14, 2003.

Hon. J. DENNIS HASTERT,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on March 14, 2003 at 10:16 a.m.

That the Senate passed without amendment H. Con. Res. 85.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

JEFF TRANDAH, L,
Clerk of the House.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 2003, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

HELP AMERICAN LIBERATORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. RENZI) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. RENZI. Mr. Speaker, in days when wars were fought with bows and arrows, the international doctrine of self-defense said that a nation should not go to war unless attacked. But in these days of weapons of mass destruction and in these days following September 11, we no longer enjoy such a privilege. Americans cannot gamble on the false hope that Saddam Hussein, who has already killed one million of his own people, will not team up with the al Qaeda terrorists who have the intention and the determination to kill a million Americans.

This lethal combination of Iraqi stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction and the al Qaeda network of international terrorists is too much to be left in the hands of the U.N. Security Council.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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